

Application No. 10/815,142

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Since the originally filed [and previously restricted out] claims 1-4 [prepared by another attorney] were all rejected under 35 USC § 112, and other rejections, in the first office action, they have all been replaced by new claims 5 and 6. These new claims are clearly method claims, and better distinguish over the cited references, as will be readily self-apparent from the new independent claim 5 itself. The first office action cited references provide additional examples of sheet separator/feeders, which the present invention could be used to control and vary, but no teaching of the claimed invention itself. Reconsideration is thus respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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